The Family of Muhammad

Unveiled

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Muhammad's parents, 'Abdullah and Amina, were from the Quraysh tribe in Mecca.

Ibn Ishaq 68-69. Ibn Hisham #97.
Ibn Saad 1:102. Tabari 6:5-8.

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‘Abdullah died while Amina was still pregnant.

Ibn Ishaq 69. Ibn Saad 1:107-109. Tabari 6:8-9, 45.

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Muhammad was born on 26 April 571.

Ibn Ishaq 69. Ibn Saad 1:109-113.

571

Amina placed the baby in the care of a Bedouin foster-family.

Ibn Ishaq 70. Ibn Saad 1:121-123.

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His foster-mother was Halima.

Ibn Ishaq 70. Ibn Saad 1:121-123.

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Her husband was her cousin al-Harith.

Ibn Ishaq 70. Ibn Saad 1:121-123.

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They had three children: ash-Shayma'a, Unaysa and 'Abdullah.

Ibn Ishaq 70. Ibn Saad 1:121-123.

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Muhammad stayed with them until he was five years old.

Ibn Ishaq 71-73. Ibn Saad 1:123-124.

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They became afraid of his seizures and took him back to Amina in Mecca.

Ibn Ishaq 71-73. Ibn Saad 1:123-124.

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Amina lived in the house of her father-in-law, Muhammad's grandfather 'Abdulmuttalib.

Ibn Ishaq 73. Tabari 6:44.

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‘Abdulmuttalib had three young wives: Haala, who was Amina’s cousin, Mumanna’a and Nutayla.

Ibn Hisham #97.
Ibn Saad 1:99-100, 102.

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Between them they had eight children: Hamza, Safiya, Hajl and al-Muqawwam; Mus'ab al-Ghaydaaq; al-Abbaas, Diraar and Qutham.

Ibn Hisham #97.
Ibn Saad 1:94, 99-101.
Tabari 39:169, 198.

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Muhammad's mother Amina died.

Ibn Ishaq 73. Ibn Saad 1:128-129.

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Muhammad continued to live in his grandfather's house until the old man died.

Ibn Ishaq 73. Ibn Saad 1:131-132. Tabari 6:44.

Then he went to live with his uncle, Abu Taalib.

Ibn Ishaq 73. Ibn Saad 1:131-132. Tabari 6:44.

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Abu Taalib was a kindly man but he was poor.

Ibn Ishaq 118-121, 161. Ibn Saad 1:133-134, 145. Tabari 6:83.

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He was married to his cousin Faatima.

Ibn Saad 8:35, 37, 156. Tabari 39:196.

591

They kept on having children: Taalib, Faakhita, Jumaana, ‘Aqiil, and Rayta.

Ibn Saad 8:35, 37, 156. Tabari 39:196.

592

Muhammad fell in love with his cousin Faakhita...

Ibn Saad 8:35, 109. Tabari 39:196.

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…but so did a rich merchant named Hubayra.

Ibn Saad 8:35, 109. Tabari 39:196.

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Faakhita was married off to Hubayra.

Ibn Saad 8:35, 109. Tabari 39:196.

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Ibn Saad 8:35, 109. Tabari 39:196.

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A rich merchant, Khadiija, hired Muhammad as her agent.
He returned from Syria with double the usual profit.

Ibn Ishaq 82.
Ibn Saad 1:145-147, 177, 179; 8:10.
Tabari 6:47-48.

595

Khadiija asked Muhammad to marry her.

Ibn Ishaq 82. Ibn Bukayr, cited in Guillaume, 49.
Ibn Saad 1:147-150; 8:10. Tabari 6:47-49; 9:127

They were happy together for 25 years.

Ibn Ishaq 83. Ibn Hisham #126-127, 918. Tabari 9:131.

595

By her first husband, Khadiija had one daughter, Hind.

Ibn Bukayr, cited in Guillaume, 49. Ibn Hisham #918. Ibn Saad 8:9. Tabari 9:127; 39:161.

595

By her second husband she had two sons, al-Harith and al-Taahir.

Ibn Bukayr, cited in Guillaume, 49. Ibn Hisham #918.
Ibn Saad 8:9. Tabari 10:19; 39:79-80, 161. Asqalani 1:1503.

596

Hind married her cousin Sayfiiy.

Ibn Saad 8:9.

Khadiija gave Muhammad a young slave named Zayd.

Ibn Hisham #151. Ibn Saad 3:28. Tabari 39:6.

596

Muhammad set Zayd free and adopted him as his son.

Ibn Hisham #151. Ibn Saad 3:30. Tabari 9:142, 163; 39:7-9.

596

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Ibn Ishaq 83. Ibn Bukayr, cited in Guillaume, 21, 49. Ibn Hisham #128, 918. Ibn Saad 1:116, 150-151; 8:10-27. Tabari 6:48-49; 9:127; 39:4, 161.

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604

Abu Taalib's son 'Aliiy came to live with them.

Ibn Ishaq 114-115. Tabari 6:83.

Their last child was their daughter Faatima.

Ibn Ishaq 83. Ibn Bukayr, cited in Guillaume, 21.
Ibn Hisham #128, 918. Ibn Saad 1:116, 150-151; 8:10-27. Tabari 6:48-49; 9:127; 39:4, 161-163, 166..

607

In time, Muhammad and Khadiija lost faith and they stopped worshipping idols.

Ibn Bukayr, cited in Guillaume, 27-28.
Ibn Saad 1:180. Ibn Hanbal #17976.

607

Khadiija's son al-Harith was killed in a fight.

Tabari 39:79-80. Asqalani 1:1503.

al-Taahir survived and got married.

Tabari 10:19; 39:79-80. Kister (1993).

Khadiija's nephew, Abu'l-'Aas, fell in love with Zaynab.

Ibn Ishaq 313. Ibn Bukayr, cited in Guillaume, 50. Ibn Saad 8:21. Tabari 39:13-17, 162.

609

Khadiija arranged their marriage.

Ibn Ishaq 313. Ibn Bukayr, cited in Guillaume, 50.
Ibn Saad 8:21. Tabari 39:13-17, 162.

609

Muhammad wanted his daughters to marry into his side of the family.

Ibn Ishaq 313. Ibn Saad 8:24. Tabari 39:161.

609

His cousin ‘Utba agreed to marry Ruqayya.

Ibn Ishaq 313. Ibn Saad 8:24. Tabari 39:161.

610

Muhammad dreamed that he met the angel Seraphiel.

Ibn Ishaq 105-106. Ibn Bukayr, cited in Guillaume, 28-30.
Ibn Saad 1:219-220. Tabari 6:67-76, 155.

610

He was terrified, but Khadiija told him that he must be a prophet.

Ibn Ishaq 106-107, 111-112.
Ibn Bukayr, cited in Guillaume, 29. Tabari 6:68, 72-73, 77.

610

This was the beginning of Islam.

Ibn Ishaq 106-107, 111-112. Tabari 6:67, 77-78.

611

Ruqayya grew up to be very beautiful.

Ibn Bukayr, cited in Guillaume, 46. Suyuti, 155..

611

A rich merchant, Uthmaan , wanted to marry her.

Ibn Ishaq 146. Ibn Bukayr, cited in Guillaume, 52.
Ibn Saad 3:43; 8:25. Tabari 39:162.

611

Uthmaan converted to Islam, and Ruqayya was married to him.

Ibn Ishaq 146. Ibn Bukayr, cited in Guillaume, 49, 52.
Ibn Saad 3:39; 8:25. Tabari 39:162.

611

‘Utba just had to accept that this was what was best for the whole family.

Ibn Ishaq 146. Ibn Saad 8:25..

611

Muhammad promised that ‘Utba could marry Umm Kulthuum instead.

Ibn Ishaq 314. Tabari 39:163.

611

Zayd married Baraka, a long-serving family retainer.

Ibn Saad 3:32; 8:157. Tabari 39:191-192.

They had one son, Usaama.

Ibn Saad 3:32; 8:157. Tabari 9:142, 163; 39:65, 99, 192.

613

As planned, Umm Kulthuum was married to ‘Utba.

Ibn Ishaq 314. Ibn Saad 8:26. Tabari 39:163. Asqalani 6:9013.

613

Seraphiel was replaced by a new angel, Gabriel.

Ibn Saad 1:220, 224-226. Tabari 6:155.

614

Gabriel's messages caused conflict with the Quraysh tribe.

Ibn Ishaq 117-145. Ibn Bukayr, cited in Guillaume, 29, 34, 42-43. Ibn Saad 1:230-235. Tabari 6:88-89, 93-98, 101-105.

616

Eventually Muhammad's family was thrown out of Mecca and had to scavenge in the mountains.

Ibn Ishaq 159-161.
Ibn Bukayr, cited in Guillaume, 34-35, 43.
Ibn Saad 1:240-243. Tabari 6:105-106.

617

‘Utba divorced Umm Kulthuum.

Ibn Ishaq 314. Ibn Saad 8:26. Tabari 7:73-74; 39:163. Asqalani 6:9013.

617

Khadiija supported the family until her money ran out.

Ibn Ishaq 314. Ibn Saad 8:26.
Tabari 7:73-74; 39:163. Asqalani 6:9013.

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They became hungry.

Ibn Bukayr, cited in Guillaume, 43. Ibn Saad 1:241

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Muhammad negotiated with Quraysh elders.

Ibn Ishaq 165-169. Ibn Bukayr, cited in Guillaume, 38-39. Ibn Saad 1:236-239. Tabari 6:107-114.

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The elders allowed them to return to Mecca.

Ibn Ishaq 172-175. Ibn Bukayr, cited in Guillaume, 36. Tabari 6:114; 39:161.

620

Khadiija died.

Ibn Ishaq 191. Ibn Bukayr, cited in Guillaume, 52. Ibn Saad 8:12. Tabari 6:115; 9:127; 39:3-4, 161.

620

Muhammad married Saowda, the widow of a faithful Muslim.

Ibn Bukayr, cited in Guillaume, 52. Ibn Hisham #918. Ibn Saad 8:39, 42. Tabari 9:128-130; 39:170.

620

By her first husband, Saowda had one son, ‘Abdurrahman, but he never lived in Muhammad’s household.

Ibn Saad 4:1081..

620

Muhammad also married Aïsha, the daughter of his best friend.

Ibn Bukayr, cited in Guillaume, 52. Ibn Hisham #918. Ibn Saad 8:42-44, 48, 55. Tabari 9:128-131; 39:171..

621

He dreamed that he flew to Jerusalem on a winged mule named Flash.

Ibn Ishaq 181-187. Ibn Bukayr, cited in Guillaume, 58.
Ibn Saad 1:245-249. Tabari 6:78-80.

622

The Quraysh tribe found out that he was plotting against them.

Ibn Ishaq 187, 194-197. Ibn Saad 1:249-253. Tabari 6:120, 130-138.

622

He had to run away to Medina.

Ibn Ishaq 197-227, 281. Ibn Saad 1:254-259, 261-277. Tabari 6:140-152.

622

His family joined him there, but Zayd and ‘Aliiy soon built their own houses.

Ibn Ishaq 197-227, 281.
Ibn Saad 1:254-259, 261-277.
Tabari 6:140-152.

623

Muhammad consummated his marriage with Aïsha.

Ibn Hisham #918. Ibn Saad 8:43-47.
Tabari 7:6-8; 9:130-131; 39:171-173.

624

Faatima had to marry ‘Aliiy.

Ibn Bukayr, cited in Guillaume, 50.
Ibn Saad 8:13-17. Tabari 7:18, 92; 39:167.

624

Ruqayya died, so Uthmaan married Umm Kulthuum.

Ibn Ishaq 314. Ibn Bukayr, cited in Guillaume, 49-50.
Ibn Saad 8:25-26. Tabari 7:98. Tabari 39:162-163.

625

Muhammad married Hafsa, the daughter and widow of faithful Muslims.

Ibn Bukayr, cited in Guillaume, 53. Ibn Hisham #918. Ibn Saad 8:56-58. Tabari 7:105; 9:131-132; 39:174.

625

He also married Umm al-Masaakiin, the widow of a faithful Muslim.

Ibn Bukayr, cited in Guillaume, 53. Ibn Hisham #918. Ibn Saad 8:82. Tabari 9:138; 39:163-164

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His cousin Zaynab proposed to him.

Ibn Hisham #918. Ibn Saad 8:72.

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He told her that a Muslim was limited to four wives only.

Quran 4:3.

625

Zaynab had to marry Zayd.

Quran 33:36. Ibn Hisham #918.
Ibn Saad 3:30. 8:72. Tabari 9:134; 39:9, 180

625

Umm al-Masaakiin died.

Ibn Bukayr, cited in Guillaume, 53. Ibn Hisham #918. Ibn Saad 8:82. Tabari 9:138; 39:163-164.

626

Muhammad married Hind, known as Umm Salama, who was his cousin's widow.

Ibn Bukayr, cited in Guillaume, 53-54. Ibn Hisham #918. Ibn Saad 8:61-65, 67. Tabari 7:167; 9:132; 39:113, 175.

626

By her first husband, Hind had four children: Zaynab, Salama, Umar and Durra.

Ibn Bukayr, cited in Guillaume, 53. Ibn Hisham #918. Ibn Saad 8:61, 298. Tabari 9:132; 39:113, 175.

Hind was so busy taking care of Durra that she had no time to attend to Muhammad, so he sent the baby away to a foster-family in the suburbs.

Ibn Saad 8:63, 66.

626

One day Muhammad accidentally glimpsed his daughter-in-law Zaynab half undressed.

Ibn Saad 8:72-73. Tabari 8:2-4; 39:180-181.

626

Zayd divorced Zaynab.

Quran 33:37. Ibn Bukayr, cited in Guillaume, 54. Ibn Hisham #918. Ibn Saad 3:30; 8:73. Tabari 8:2-3; 9:134; 39:9, 180-181.

626

Muhammad announced that Allah had abolished adoption, so Zayd was not his son and Zaynab was not his daughter-in-law.

Quran 33:37.
Ibn Saad 3:30.
Tabari 39:9-10.

627

Muhammad divorced Saowda.

Quran 4:129. Ibn Saad 8:40, 123-124.

627

She begged him to take her back.

Quran 4:129. Ibn Saad 8:40, 123-124.

627

He agreed that should could continue living in his house, but he never slept with her again.

Quran 4:129.
Ibn Saad 8:40, 123-124.

627

Muhammad said that the limit of four wives did not apply to prophets, and he married Zaynab.

Quran 33:37. Ibn Bukayr, cited in Guillaume, 54. Ibn Hisham #918. Ibn Saad 3:30; 8:73-74. Tabari 8:1-3; 9:134; 39:9-10, 180-182.

627

After he had all the men of the Quraydha tribe, Muhammad married Rayhaana, a Quraydha widow.

Ibn Ishaq 464-466.
Ibn Saad 8:92-93.
Tabari 8:34-39; 9:137; 39:164-165.

627

Later he divorced her because she was so proud.

Ibn Saad 8:93.

628

After raiding the al-Mustaliq tribe, Muhammad married Juwayriya, a Mustaliq widow.

Ibn Ishaq 490-493.
Ibn Bukayr, cited in Guillaume, 54.
Ibn Hisham #739, 918. Ibn Saad 8:83-84.
Tabari 8:51, 55-56; 9:133; 39:182-184.

628 Ramla, also known as Umm Habibla, was the daughter of Muhammad's enemy, the chief of Mecca, and the widow of his cousin. He married her by proxy because she was living in Ethiopia.

Ibn Ishaq 99, 527. Ibn Hisham #918.
Ibn Saad 8:68-70.
Tabari 8:109-110; 9:133-134, 178-179.

628

After besieging the city of Khaybar, Muhammad married Safiya, a Khaybar widow.

Ibn Ishaq 510-515. Ibn Bukayr, cited in Guillaume, 54.
Ibn Hisham #918. Ibn Saad 8:85-88.
Tabari 8:116-117; 9:134-135; 39:184-185.

628

At Khaybar he also recaptured Rayhaana and kept her as a slave-concubine.

Ibn Bukayr, cited in Guillaume, 55. Ibn Ishaq 466. Ibn Saad 8:93-94. Tabari 9:137, 141.

628

Ramla arrived in Medina.

Ibn Ishaq 99, 527. Ibn Hisham #918.
Ibn Saad 8:70. Tabari 8:110; 9:134; 39:180.

628

By her first husband, she had one daughter, Habiiba.

Ibn Saad 8:68. Tabari 39:177..

629

Muhammad married Maymuuna, a widow from Mecca.

Ibn Ishaq 531. Ibn Bukayr, cited in Guillaume, 54.
Ibn Hisham #918. Ibn Saad 8:94-97.
Tabari 8:136-137; 9:135; 39:185-186.

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He took an Egyptian slave, Maariya, as his concubine.

Ibn Ishaq 653. Ibn Bukayr, cited in Guillaume, 55.
Ibn Hisham #129. Ibn Saad 1:151-152; 8:137-138, 148-149.
Tabari 8:100, 131; 9:137, 141; 39:193-194.

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His wives, led by Aïsha and Hafsa, protested against Maariya.

Quran 66:1-3. Ibn Saad 8:59, 77, 124-125, 134-137, 149.

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Muhammad divorced Hafsa.

Ibn Saad 8:58-59..

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He threatened to divorce all of his wives.

Ibn Saad 8:58-59.

He spent twenty-nine days alone with Maariya.

Ibn Saad 8:131-140.

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Then his wives all promised to be obedient Muslims, and he forgave them all.

Ibn Saad 8:48-49, 132, 140.

He cancelled Hafsa's divorce.

Ibn Saad 8:58-59.

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Maariya was pregnant.

Ibn Ishaq 83, 653. Ibn Bukayr, cited in Guillaume, 55-56.
Ibn Hisham #129. Tabari 9:39, 137; 39:193-194.

630

Muhammad married Mulayka, whose family had offended him and who now wanted to make peace.

Ibn Saad 8:106.
Tabari 8:187; 39:165.

630

He also married Faatima al-'Aliiya, the daughter of a faithful Muslim.

Ibn Saad 8:100-101. Tabari 9:39, 136-138; 39:186.

630

Maariya gave birth to Muhammad's son Ibraahiim.

Ibn Ishaq 83, 653. Ibn Bukayr, cited in Guillaume, 55-56.
Ibn Hisham #129. Ibn Saad 1:151-155; 8:148-150.
Tabari 9:39, 137; 39:22, 193-194.

630

Muhammad granted a divorce to Mulayka.

Ibn Saad 8:106. Tabari 8:187; 39:165.

630

Muhammad married Asma', a Bedouin princess.

Ibn Bukayr, cited in Guillaume, 55.
Ibn Saad 8:101-104.
Tabari 9:137; 39:188-191.

630

He divorced her on the wedding night because she misspoke.

Ibn Bukayr, cited in Guillaume, 55.
Ibn Saad 8:101-104. Tabari 9:137; 39:188-191.

630

He divorced Faatima al-'Aliiya for not veiling properly.

Ibn Saad 8:100-101.
Tabari 9:136-138; 39:186-188.

630

Muhammad married Amra, his cousin's ex-wife.

Ibn Bukayr, cited in Guillaume, 55.
Ibn Saad 8:100-101. Tabari 9:139; 39:186-188.

630

He divorced her on the wedding night when he saw that she had vitiligo.

Ibn Bukayr, cited in Guillaume, 55.
Ibn Saad 8:100-101. Tabari 9:139; 39:186-188.

631

He took a Jewish slave, Tukana al-Jamiila, as his concubine.

Ibn Kathir 4:435. Majlisi 804.

631

After at-Taa'if surrendered, Daawud of at-Taa'if married Ramla's daughter Habiiba, who was his cousin.

Ibn Ishaq 614-617.
Ibn Saad 8:68, 169.
Tabari 9:41-42; 39:177.

631

Hind's daughter Zaynab was married to her cousin 'Abdullah, who was from Khadiija's clan.

Ibn Saad 8:298.
Tabari 39:76.

631

Hind's son Salama had to marry Umaama, who was the daughter of Muhammad's Uncle Hamza.

Ibn Bukayr, cited in Guillaume, 53-54. Ibn Saad 8:35, 116. Tabari 9:132; 39:199.

632

Muhammad's son Ibraahiim died as a toddler.

Ibn Saad 1:155-164; 8:150-151. Tabari 9:136; 39; 194-195.

632

Rayhaana died.

Ibn Ishaq 466. Ibn Saad 8:93. Tabari 39:165.

632

Muhammad took his slave Nafiisa as his concubine.

Ibn Kathir 4:435.

632

He died on 10 June 632., at the age of 61.

Ibn Ishaq 678-682. Tabari 9:184, 206.

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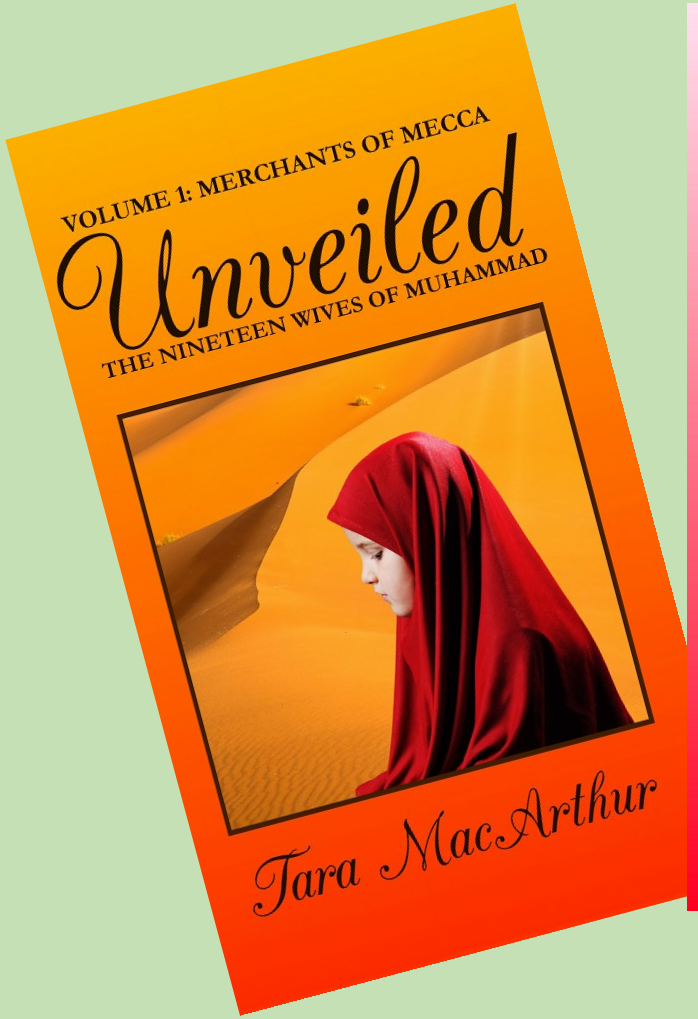

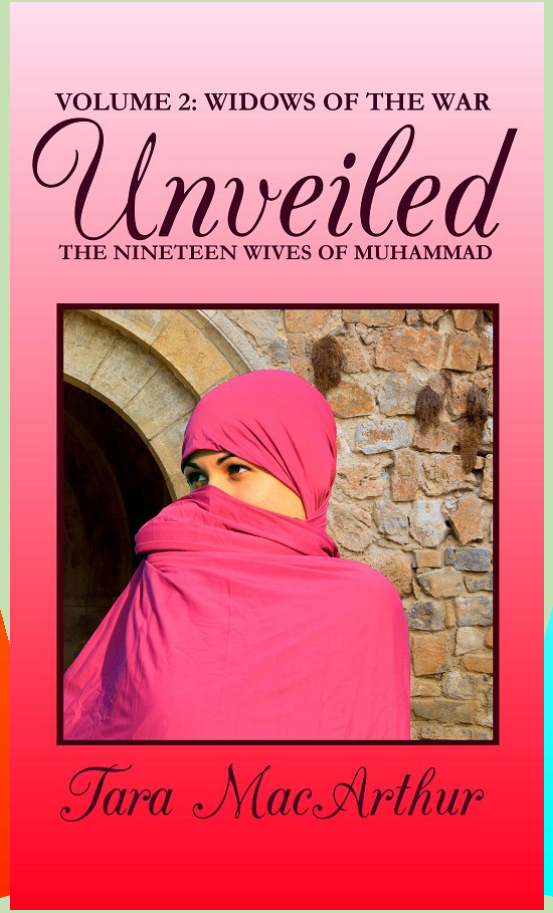

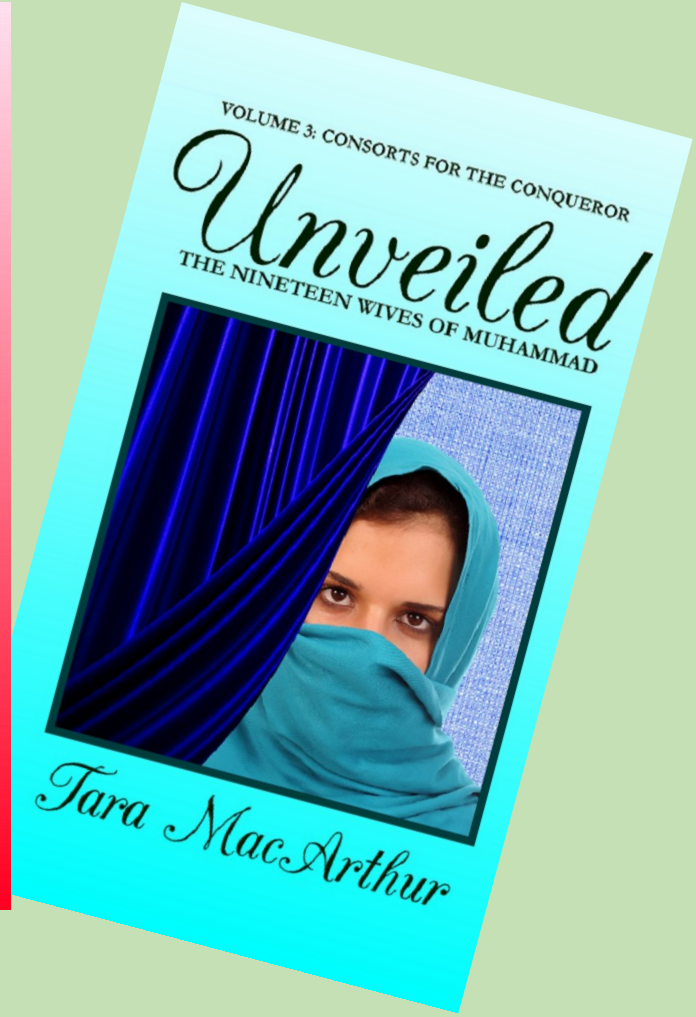

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